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Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointments of **Mr. Kenneth Denney and Mr. Samir Rafeedie, to the Kirkland Elementary School District Governing Board.** Mr. Denney's appointment will be effective August 1, 2015. Mr. Rafeedie's appointment will be effective August 17, 2015, and both will expire on December 31, 2016. The two vacant seats were as a result of the resignations of veteran Board Members Rhonda Elliott and Tisha Peterson, who relocated out of the District. We sincerely appreciate the valuable service they each provided to the community.

After receiving letters of interest and resumes, Mr. Carter interviewed the candidates at Kirkland School on July 22nd. Mr. Carter then discussed the candidate's qualifications individually with each of the remaining Governing Board Members and the administration prior to making the appointment.

Mr. Denney is a graduate of Compton High School in California and an Air Force and Navy Reserve veteran. He is married, and a father of two grown children and a grandfather of four. He worked for several manufacturing and transportation firms, Singer, Papermate, and Heartland Express, before retiring. He has been a resident of the Kirkland School District for ten years.

Mr. Rafeedie is a graduate of Albert Einstein High School in Maryland. He is also an Air Force veteran. He has been employed in the field of real estate all of his working career, as a realtor and broker. In semi-retirement, he is transferring his business, Realty Ambassadors, from the Glendale

area to Yavapai County. He is married and the parent of three. He moved to Kirkland on August 16, 2014, and will meet the one year eligibility requirement on August 17, 2015.

Mr. Carter stated he believes "Mr. Denney and Mr. Rafeedie will represent the residents of the district extremely well. They exhibit a cooperative spirit, are willing to work in concert with others, listen to diverse opinions, and are willing to learn school operations and procedures. They should complement the existing Board Members very well."

Mr. Carter may be contacted at 928-925-6560 (cell), Mr. Denney may be contacted at 928-442-9757 and Mr. Rafeedie may be contacted at 623-826-3244.